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Function: *adverb*Etymology: Middle English *ner*, partly from *ner* nearer, from Old English *nEar*, comparative of *nEah* nigh; partly from Old Norse *nær* nearer, comparative of *nA-* nigh -- more at [NIGH](#)

Date: 13th century

1 : at, within, or to a short distance or time

2 : **ALMOST, NEARLY** <*near* dead>3 : in a close or intimate manner : **CLOSELY** <*near* related>4 *archaic* : in a frugal manner

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\&r\ as ur/er in <u>further</u>	\g\ as g in <u>go</u>	\th\ as th in <u>thin</u>
\a\ as a in <u>ash</u>	\i\ as i in <u>hit</u>	\th\ as th in <u>the</u>
\A\ as a in <u>ace</u>	\I\ as i in <u>ice</u>	\u\ as oo in <u>loot</u>
\ä\ as o in <u>mop</u>	\j\ as j in <u>job</u>	\u\ as oo in <u>foot</u>
\au\ as ou in <u>out</u>	\[ng]\ as ng in <u>sing</u>	\y\ as y in <u>yet</u>
\ch\ as ch in <u>chin</u>	\O\ as o in <u>go</u>	\zh\ as si in <u>vision</u>

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